



William K. Burnside

February 19, 1920 - June 7, 2016

William K. (Bernie) Burnside, 96, of Centralia passed away at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Centralia Manor. He was born Feb. 19, 1920 in rural Maquon, Illinois. Bernie was the son of Robert Roy and Janet (Keeling) Burnside. He married Sabina R. (Matthews) Sept. 18, 1958 in Belleville, Illinois, and she preceded him in death on March 16, 2006. He is survived by a son, Robert "Bob" Burnside and wife Joanie (Gwillim); and three grandchildren: Rebecca (Burnside) Lierly, William, and Mark, all of California. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert; and sister, Elizabeth Catron. Mr. Burnside attended Purdue University and was a mechanical engineer. He was a member of the team that developed the high horsepower Corsair fighter plane. Upon his brother's death in WWII, he returned to his father's farm in Fairview, Illinois. During this time he married Sabina, a devout Christian lady, who was in inspiration and a big influence on his walk with Jesus Christ. He is a member of the Pleasant View Free Will Baptist Church, and has participated in various ministries, including nursing home visitation. In 1987, Mr. Burnside sold the farm in Fairview and moved to California, but moved back to Illinois the following year as the climate there was not kind to Sabina. In July 1989, he began working for the Gilbert family (now Die Cutters, Inc.) as their design engineer. This became a very close relationship, with a deep love for one another to this day. Funeral Services for William K. Burnside will be held Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Dr. David L.

Burgess officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery in Boyd, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Bible Society and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am at a loss for words here. I am so very saddened to learn of Bill's passing. He and I stayed in touch over the years and I always enjoyed getting his letters. I was concerned early last year when I stopped getting his letters. Then when one I sent went unanswered, in my heart I knew something had happened, but I just didn't want to believe it. Bill was someone who enjoyed life and that was evident by his deep love for his church and work he did for the betterment of others. He was a man of integrity and morals. He was also a brilliant man, that I always knew, and it was no surprise to me that he decided to continue on with engineering work after selling the farm in '87. Being a fellow engineer, we enjoyed many conversations surrounding the engineering field, engineering trends and advancements in technology. The world is a better place because of you Bill. I am honored to have known you and grateful to have had you as part of my life. You were a positive influence to me over the years on so many levels, and for that, know that I am a better person today because of it.

Karl Burnside - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I so appreciated "Brother Bernie's" work ethic and sincere pursuit of Christ-likeness. A dear man who touched many lives.

Curt Ferguson - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM